कार्य योजना के चरण–I में शामिल कर लिया गया है :–

(1) बुढ़वल–सीतापुर
(2) इलाहाबाद सिटी–वाराणसी
(3) मेडिहार–बलिया
(4) बलिया–छपरा जं०
(5) लालकुआं–काशीपुर
(6) मनकापुर–कटरा
(7) कटरा–फैजाबाद (सरयू पर पेन पुल सहित
(8) कानपुर–कासगंज
(9) नरकटियागंज–गोरखपुर
(10) मऊ–शाहगंज

(ङ) दूसरे चरण में शुरू किए जाने वाले आमान परिवर्तनों की सूची चरण–I के अंत में बनाई जाएगी।

Linking Chandigarh with Ludhiana by Rail

1401. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to link Chandigarh with Ludhiana by rail; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) A survey has been ordered for a new line between Chandigarh and Rajpura which will provide a direct link between Ludhiana and Chandigarh. Further action will depend on the results of the servey and availability of resources in the coming years.

जबलपुर और दिल्ली के बीच सीधी द्रुतगामी रेल गाड़ी

1402. **श्री शिवप्रसाद चनपुरिया :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य रेलवे के जबलपुर शहर और दिल्ली को महाकौशल एक्सप्रेस के अतिरिक्त किसी अन्य सीधी द्रुतगामी रेल गाड़ी से जोड़ने में सरकार के समक्ष क्या कठिनाईयां आ रही हैं ;

(ख) इन कठिनाइयों को दूर करने के लिए अब तक क्या कदम उठाये गए हैं ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली जबलपुर रेल सेवा घाटे में चल रही है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) लाइन क्षमता और टर्मिनल सुविधाओं की कमी ।

(ख) क्षमता बढ़ाने और टर्मिनल सुविधाओं की विकास की योजना तैयार करने के लिए कार्रवाई की जा रही है ।

(ग) जी नहीं ।

Railway Users' Consultative Committees

1403. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meetings of the Suburban Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Central Railway, Bombay; Suburban Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Western Railway, Bombay; Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Bombay Division, Central Railway, and Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committe, Bombay Division, Western Railway, held since 1985;

(b) whether it is a fact that in each of the above meetings, the Members have action has been taken, and those on which

(c) if so, the issues on which follow-up action has been taken, and those on which follow-up action has not been taken;

(d) the reasons for not taking follow-up action thereon; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to make the working of these Consultative Committees more effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The number of meetings held since 1985 is as under:

Name of the Committee	No. of meetings held since 1985
Suburban Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Western Railway	17
Suburbant Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Central Railway	10
Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Bombay Division, Western Railway	12
Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Bombay Division, Central Railway	12

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) These Committees are consultative in character and suggestions made by the members are examined carefully and implemented wherever feasible. These committees are functioning satisfactorily and no change is proposed.

Locomotive deal awarded to ABB of Sweden

1404. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that locomotive deal for 190 million dollar has been awarded to Asea Brown Boveri of Switzerland with such stipulation that Indian law would not be effective in case of any dispute and Indian Railways cannot be a party to such dispute; and

(b) if so, the reasons for accepting each stipulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Bombay Urban Transport Project

1405. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the matter for providing substantial funds for execution of the suburban Railway Projects in Bombay for increasing its capacity, which forms part of the Bombay Urban Transport Project (BUTP-II) is under active consideration of Government;

(b) if so, whether the alternative sources of mobilisation of resources, viz. commercial exploitation of Railway land, air space near/over selected Railawy Station, are also being considered for providing funds for Suburban Railway Projects in Bombay; and

(c) if reply to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the plans for providing requisite amount to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir. However, Railways are implementing a project, viz. 'additional pair of lines between Bandra and Andheri which also figures in BUTP-II. Allocation for this project for 1992-93 is Rs. 14 crores.

(b) A proposal to examine the feasibility of generating additional resources by commercial exploitation of air space over railway land for funding railway projects is in conceptual stage.

(c) Does not arise.

Soliciting Private Investment from NRIs

1406. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Raliways are soliciting private investment from NRIs, based in the Gulf countries for development of a transport infrastructure in the country;

(b) whether the Minister has visited some of these countries recently; and